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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED JULY 20, 2006 IN RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 3, 2006**

Dear Sir:

The applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that the second separate election requirement was different than the first as it certainly looked identical to the one initially provided at a first glance. The applicant wishes to select Group I of this new election requirement.

**Drawings**

Replacement drawing sheets are enclosed. The applicant has erased the only pencil marks which occurred with Figure 15 which circumscribed the circle defining first perimeter **29** as described in paragraph 44. The only other non-CAD portions occur on Figure 19 and are in ink.

**Specification**

The modular valve assembly shown and described herein provides (in the preferred embodiment) for a memory shape alloy as an actuator **34** to move poppet **38** from a valve seat **46** as can be seen in Figure 3 and others. Spring **48** may assist in reseating the poppet on the valve seat **22**. (See Paragraph 34 as originally provided.) There are twenty-one figures showing different views of various structures utilized with the presently preferred embodiment. Almost